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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the Specification as found on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 3.

Arguments/Remarks which begin on page 12.